

SENATE BILL NO. 235

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(29), relative to the town of Duson; to provide that the chief of
3 police of the town shall be appointed; to provide for the time of the initial
4 appointment; to provide for the method of appointment and for the salary, term,
5 duties, and supervision of the police chief; to provide for the qualifications of the
6 police chief; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:381(C)(29) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §381. Municipal officers

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12 C.

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14 (29) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
15 office of police chief of the town of Duson shall not be elected at large but shall
16 be appointed by the mayor upon approval by majority vote of the board of
17 aldermen of said town. If there is an elected chief in office on the effective date
18 of this Paragraph, the mayor shall make the first such appointment upon the
19 expiration of the current term or vacancy for other reason; otherwise, he shall
20 make the first appointment immediately. The term of the police chief shall be
21 concurrent with that of the mayor and board of aldermen. The board of
22 aldermen, upon recommendation of the mayor, shall establish the salary of the
23 chief and shall, by ordinance, establish the duties, responsibilities, and
24 qualifications of the office. The mayor shall, in accordance with such
25 ordinances, supervise and direct the administration of the office, and the chief
26 shall report directly to the mayor.

27 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the chief

of police of the town of Duson shall have two years of full-time law enforcement experience and shall successfully complete a certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officers Standards and Training. In addition the chief shall successfully pass a council approved comprehensive examination within one calendar year from the date of the initial employment as chief of police.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act are remedial and procedural in nature and shall apply prospectively and retroactively to June 15, 2009.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: